of 8 companies are currently operational in 12 cities. The Government has not invited applications from private parties after 2000. On the basis of experience of the last four years, Government is in the process of formulating a revised poliicy.

New Policy for FM Radio and DTH

704. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether with a view to promote greater investment, Government have decided to formulate new policies for "F.M. Radio" and "DTH" (Direct to Home);

(b) if so, the details thereof, separately;

(c) by when a draft legislation is likely to be brought before Parliament in this regard; and

(d) what is Government's reaction to the demand of DTH players currently aspiring for an Internet Sdrvice Provider?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) The changes in the existing policy with regard to private FM radio is being finalised. There is no proposal to review the DTH guidelines notified in the year 2001.

(d) Under the licence conditions, the DTH facility shall not be used for other modes of communication including voice, fax, data, communication, internet etc., unless a specific licence for these value-added services has been obtained from the competent authority.

Annual revenue through advertisements

705. SHRIMATI N.R DURGA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the annual revenue earned by his Ministry through advertisements during the last ten years, year-wise;

(b) whether there are any guidelines/norms for advertisements;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the measures Government are taking or propose to fake to make India a global hub for advertisements?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) The annual revenue earned by All India Radio,